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2010 Iraqi Parliamentary Elections Overview

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“Parliamentary elections and seating of the Government will shape the strategic environment and drawdown in 2010.”

General Ray Odierno guidance to 1/3ID(AAB) COINSOC 10-08 on

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Standard Elections Events

Iraqi Parliamentary Elections Events

- ✓ Voter Registration Update (VRU) – completed 30 Sept 09
- ✓ Party/Political Entity accreditation – completed 06 Sept 09
- ✓ Coalition formation and accreditation – completed 13 Nov 09
- ✓ Candidate nomination and registration – completed 20 Dec 09
- ❑ Campaigning / Public Outreach / Voter Education
- ❑ Special Needs Voting (SNV) (4 Mar)
- ❑ Election day voting (7 Mar)
- ❑ Complaint and adjudication period
- ❑ Certification of results (~ 45 days after election)

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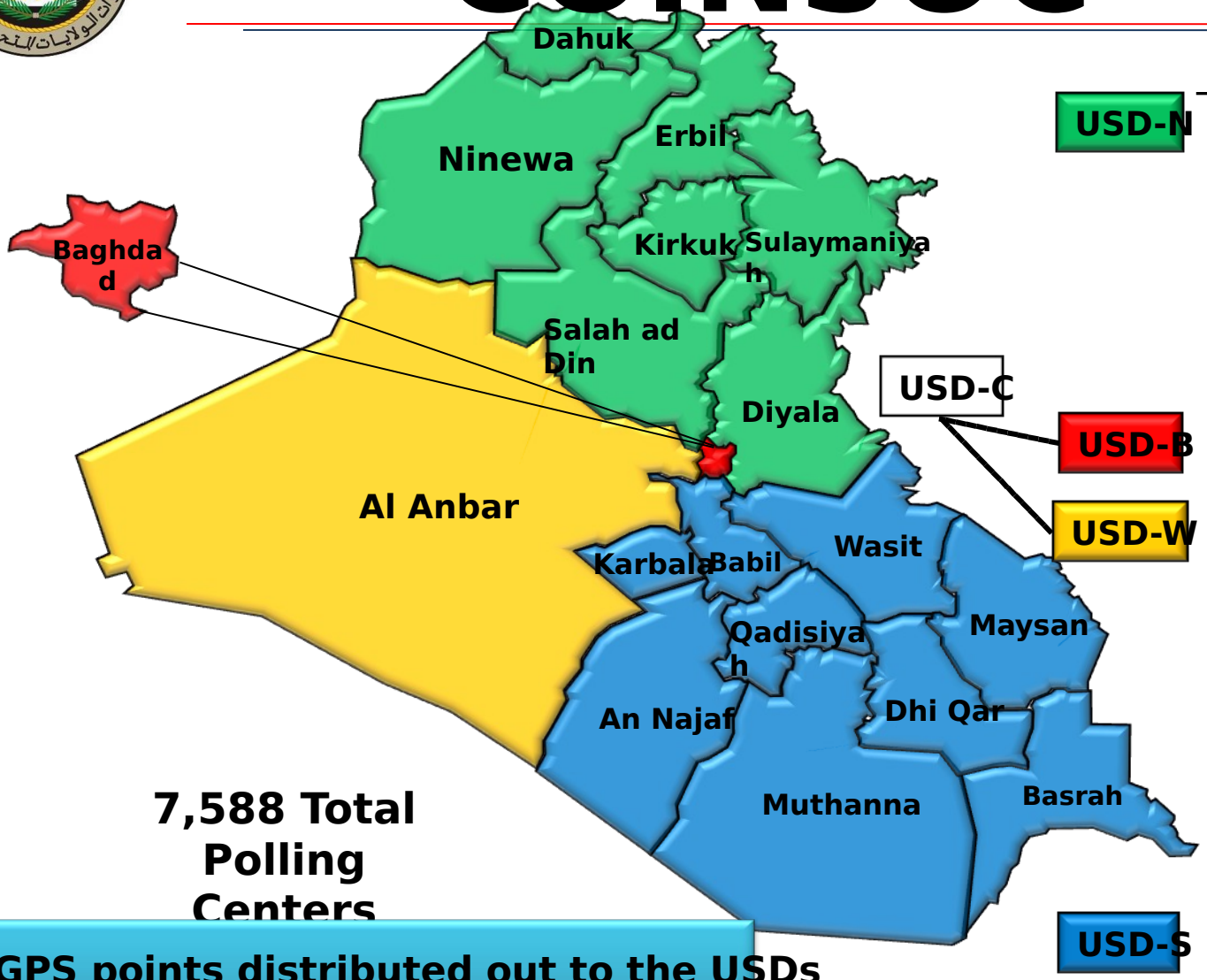

7,588 Total Polling Centers

Distribution of 2010 Polling Centers	
Dahuk	229
Ninewa	717
Erbil	476
Kirkuk	299
Salah ad Din	283
Sulaymaniyah	483
Diyala	384
Baghdad K	736
Baghdad R	1005
Al Anbar	312
Karbala	217
Babil	353
Wasit	276
Maysan	224
Qadisiyah	243
Dhi Qar	414
Muthanna	170
An Najaf	282
Basrah	485

- GPS points distributed out to the USDs for verification and identification.

Movement of Election Materials

Depart Country of Origin Est. 11-14 days prior	Arrive at Airport Est. 9-11 days prior	Arrive at GEO Warehouse Est. 9-11 days prior	Distribute to Polling Center (est. 7,579 PCs) Est. 2 days prior	Post Election Day Return to GEO Warehouse	Tally sheets to DEC

Elections Materials Depart Country Of Origin

- **Najaf Airport*** → Najaf, Karbal, Babylon, Qadissiyah
- **Baghdad Airport** → Baghd, Anbar, Diyala, Wassit, Salah Al-Din
- **Erbil Airport*** → Erbil, Dahuk, Kirkuk, Ninewa, Sulaymaniyah
- **Basrah Airport** → Basrah, Thi-Qar, Maysan, Muthanna

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IHEC Headquarter Data Entry Center (DEC) Baghdad

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV	Phase V

- USF-I will stand-by to assist with route clearance if requested - **not allowed to transport or handle election materials**

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Elections Supreme Security Council (ESSC)

Mandated by the Prime Minister (PM) to oversee Elections Security

- Chairman- LTG Ayden (Deputy MoI)
- Secretary- IHEC Field Security Manager
- Subcommittee members- MoI, MoD, IGFC, PAO, MoIntel, PMNOC
- USF-I Representative

Security plan

- Provides guidance and directives to ministries involved in elections security
- Defines USF-I support role
- Draft plan reviewed and undergoing further staffing

Support from USF-I identified by ESSC

- Provide support to Iraqi forces
- Provide support to the security plan and ISF stationed at the disputed areas
- Provide and exchange intelligence information with GoI Intel and Security agencies
- Provide support to UN Monitors & International Observer teams
- All items provided as requested and IAW Security Agreement

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Draft Tasks to USDs

- ❑ **Continue partnered Full Spectrum Ops with ISF to disrupt VEN and FT&F ability to impact elections process and formation of new government.**

- ❑ **Advise and Assist ISF, as requested**
  - Election Site Security
  - Security Plan Rehearsals
  - Logistical Support Requirements
  - Vulnerability Assessments of key IHEC/GEO facilities
  - Elections Intelligence Surveillance Plan

- ❑ **Participate in Governorate level ESSC sub-committees**

- ❑ **Provide ISF with enabler support**

- ❑ **BPT monitor ballot material movements and provide route clearance, as requested**

USF-I Support IAW the Security Agreement

- ❑ **Provide support to UN, UNEMB and other approved international Observer teams**

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International Observer Support

Background – 2009 Provincial Elections effort

- Approx 300 **international** observers were supported during 2009 Provincial Elections
- Consisted of US, European Union, UNAMI, Arab League and various Missions
- US Department of State made up the majority of observers
- 20,000 **domestic** observers and political observers were present
- European Union designated a coordinator for the Observer efforts

Expected Support Levels

- US – 25 Teams (4 pax each); Goal: at least one per province
- UN – 14 Teams (4 pax each)
- EU – 10 pax (electoral assessment team); Irbil, Baghdad, & Basrah; est 80 each monitors

Support Anticipated

- Security support
- Transportation (Ground / Air) ; combined effort between USF-I and DoS RSO
- Life Support at FOBs
- Support to last approx 8 days (pre SNV to post general election day period)
- US teams w
- UN teams will provide PSDs but need US military movement teams (MMTs)

Awaiting further USG guidance on specific locations

Election Smart Card

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OVERVIEW

- ❑ The January 2010 Elections will allows the Iraqi people to vote for the Council of Representatives (CoR). The last CoR election was held in 2005.
- ❑ The MNF-I Commander's number 1 priority is to ensure the people of Iraq have the security environment needed to execute their own credible and legitimate elections that are accepted both domestically and internationally.
- ❑ The Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq (IHEC) is the lead GoI agency for all election matters and the UN Assistance Mission, Iraq (UNAMI) is the lead international agency assisting with the conduct of the election process.
- ❑ The US Embassy-Baghdad is the lead US Government agency for any electoral support to UNAMI and IHEC.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Report to your chain-of-command the following:

- ❑ Events that may interfere with the conduct of credible and legitimate election process
- ❑ Threats or acts of intimidation against ISF, IHEC officials, election workers, district and provincial officials, candidates, or NGOs
- ❑ Political gatherings, voter education activities, campaigning activities, and media events
- ❑ Any assistance requested and/or given to GoI/ISF with election preparations

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DO

- ❑ DO be absolutely NEUTRAL in all matters relating to elections
- ❑ DO continue to follow all Force Protection rules
- ❑ DO review Standing Rules of Engagement
- ❑ DO follow Unit SOPs regarding contact with the media
- ❑ DO direct Iraqi citizens to the appropriate election offices for election related queries and/or complaints
- ❑ IHEC National Call Center Numbers (Toll Free): Mobile # is 7777 and Landline #s are 743-2516, 743-2518, or 743-2519

DON'T

- ❑ DON'T appear to favor or dislike any Iraqi parties or candidates (remain neutral)
- ❑ DON'T attempt to teach Iraqis about their electoral process (Iraqis will teach other Iraqis)
- ❑ DON'T enter into "political" debates about elections
- ❑ DON'T interfere with peaceful Iraqi political gatherings
- ❑ DON'T interfere with media coverage
- ❑ DON'T distribute, produce, or help procure election or voter education materials

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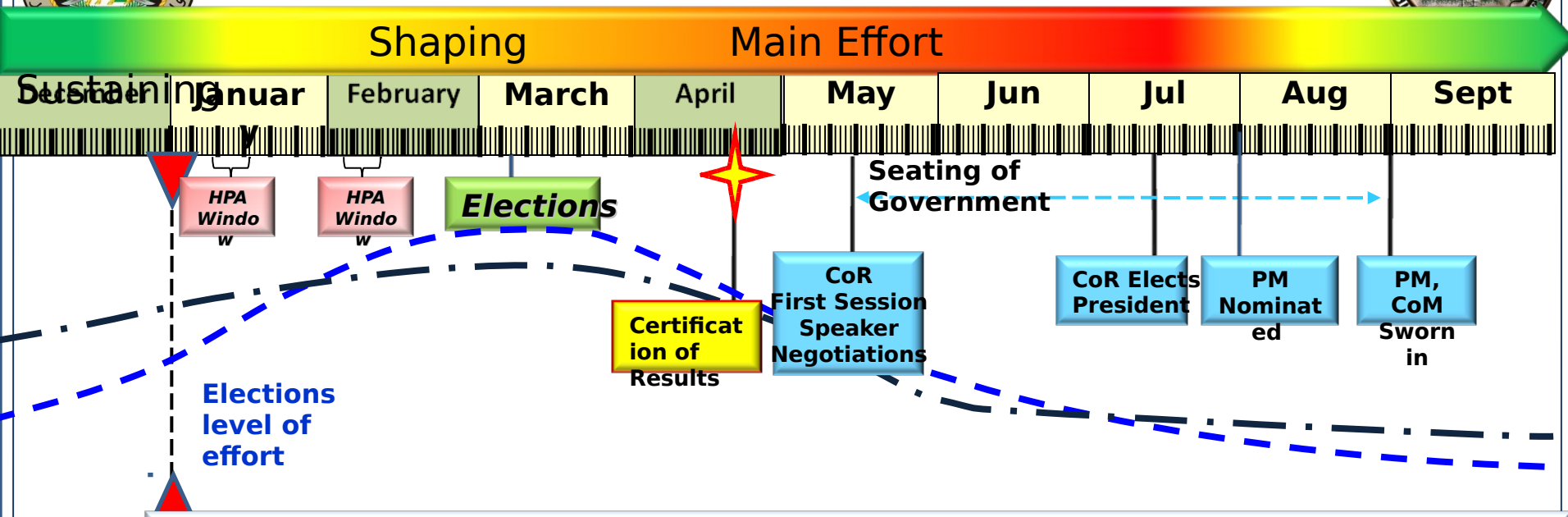

Key Tasks	➢ Encourage participation in election process ➢ Promote objective values ➢ Promote loyalty to Iraq	➢ Influence Iraqis to reject foreign meddling/influence in elections ➢ Influence populace to act IAW values ➢ Enhance sense of security	➢ Promote peaceful seating of government ➢ Mitigate negative perceptions from Election results
Themes	➢ Iraqi pride and self-confidence ➢ Iraqi electoral system success ➢ Candidates need to be judged IAW values	➢ Iraq will not be a client state ➢ Iraqis will choose their leaders ➢ The ISF is capable	➢ Success of Elections ➢ Peaceful transition of power ➢ Democracy allows dialogue to resolve differences
Balancing Iranian Influence	➢ **Highlight Iranian malign/strategic goals** ➢ **Expose IRGC-QF activities in Iraq** ➢ **Expose Iranian proxies**		
FT&F AQI/VBIED	➢ **Public "Call For Action" (Report suspicious activities/individuals)**		
	➢ **Promote ISF successes and GOI democratic**		

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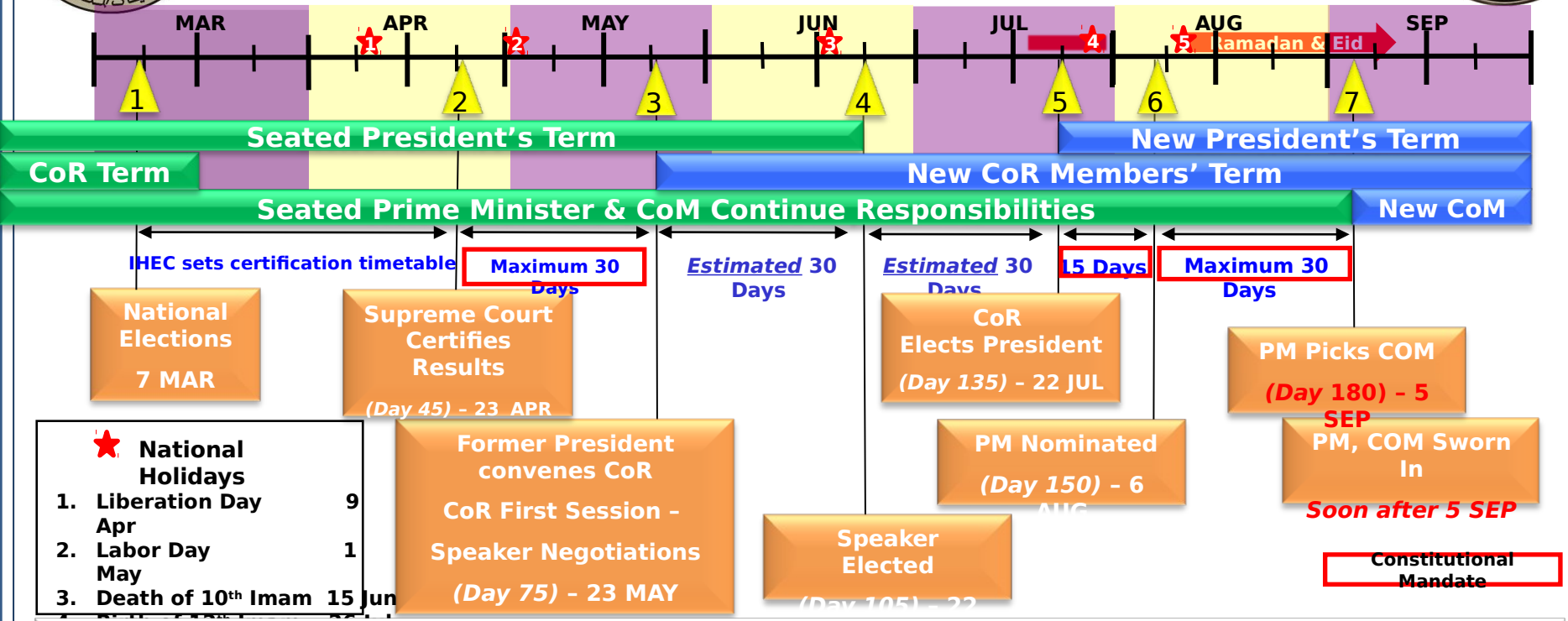
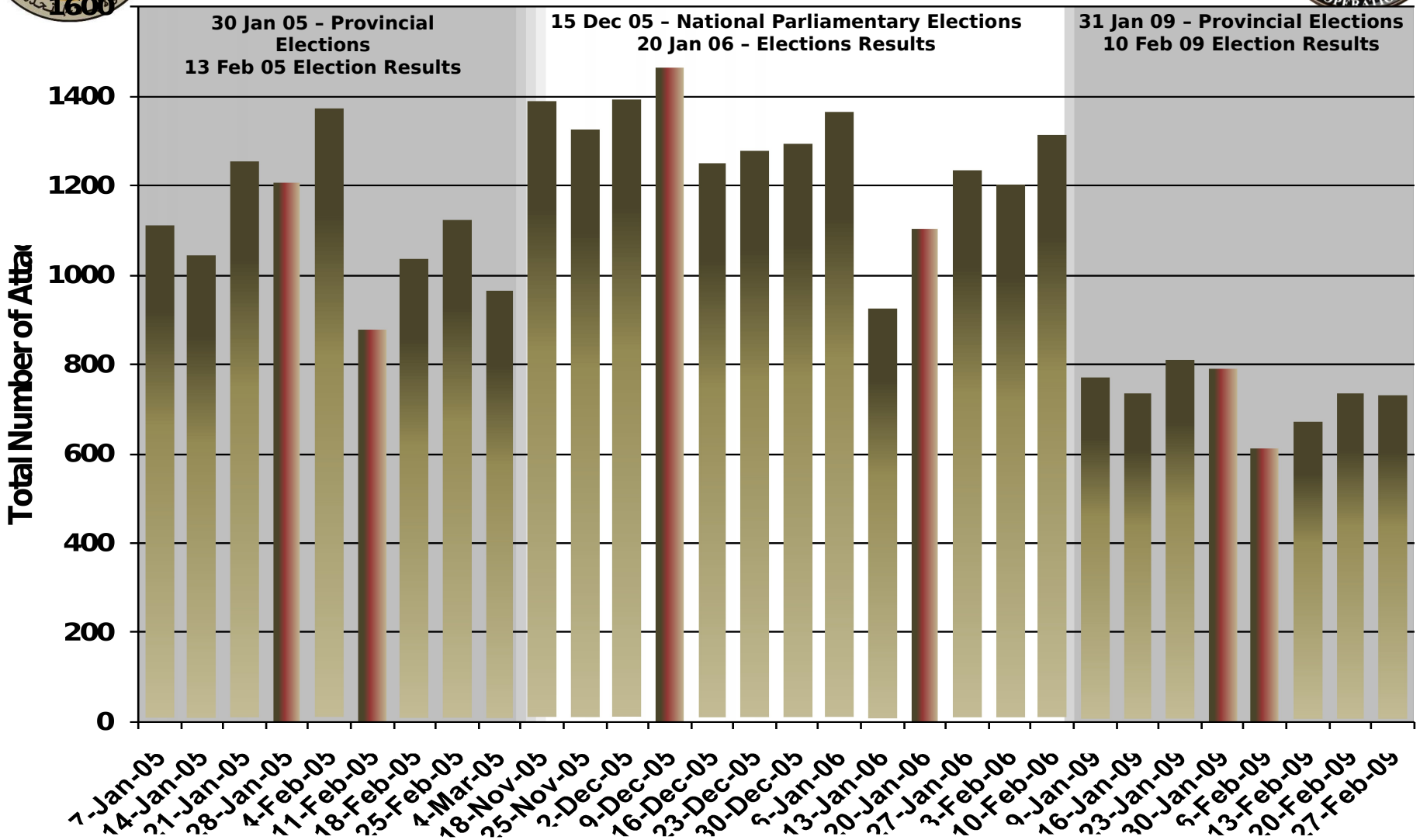
Elections and Transfer of Power Timeline 2010



- While the Constitutional provisions for seating the government are sequential, the newly seated CoR can negotiate key positions simultaneously as witnessed in 2006. The President must be named before PM, but the Speaker selection is flexible.
  - In 2006, the President & the PM were named before the Speaker, yet all 3 positions were named in a week approximately 5 months
- The Prime Minister & his CoM are the continuity of the government during transition
- Military & bureaucracy as key institutions to facilitate transfer of

All Attacks During Elections

3 Weeks Before Elections – 3 Weeks After Election Results



Includes IED F/C

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